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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 23 November 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hare, Mr. Harr, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Smith

1. Minutes on Taiwan Policy

The Board discussed the minutes of the November 16th meeting at which the Taiwan policy was discussed, and agreed on a somewhat revised version.

2. Radio Facilities

Following up on previous Board discussions, Mr. Allen reported on the results of further investigation by USIA as to the possibility of improving facilities for radio broadcasts. He said that in the opinion of USIA it would not be particularly useful to try to have a standby facility of mobile transmitters. This would take approximately a year to build up and the use would very likely be marginal. He said that the Army has a few such transmitters which could be utilized for emergency use but none of them has a long range capability.

Mr. Allen felt that a better solution is to buy time on local stations as necessary. In this connection, he mentioned such facilities as those at Accra, Lagos and Conakry. In addition, he said that it would be feasible to erect new directional antennas for Munich and Tangier. These would take about three months to build and would cost approximately \$30,000 each.

The Board agreed that USIA seems to have the matter in hand, and consequently that an ad hoc interagency working group, which had previously been suggested, would not be of particular use.



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3. Soviet Civil Aviation

Mr. Gray introduced the subject of the apparently increased activity by the Soviets in the field of civil aviation outside the USSR. In this connection, Mr. Douglas circulated a paper which made a comparison of the prices and terms of Soviet aircraft offers as contrasted to those of U.S. manufacturers. This highlighted a wide disparity in favor of the Soviets.

It was agreed that this memorandum, augmented by additional research, would be discussed at a future meeting.

4. "Mercy Flights"

The Board was informed that Assistant Secretary Lewis Jones, in coordination with the Defense Department, has made preliminary studies of the feasibility of establishing a capability for "mercy flights," involving the dispatch of medical supplies, equipment and technicians to disaster areas.

5. Offshore Purchases

Mr. Riddleberger explained a number of complications which had been encountered by ICA in carrying out the President's directive with respect to offshore procurement. He said that present plans are not to initiate new orders but generally not to cancel existing ones.

6. Foreign Press Observers of U.S. Election

The Board discussed the project which enabled certain foreign correspondents to observe various aspects of the recent U.S. election. It was noted that the results were apparently favorable, in that the participating correspondents seemed to have received a generally good impression.

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